RESOLUTON NO. 2008-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POINT ARENA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT (MLPA)

WHEREAS, the City of Point Arena values the Municipal Pier as a vital part of the City and as an access point for recreational and commercial boating and hopes that the resulting Marine Protected Areas will permit continued boating operations; and

WHEREAS, a group known as "Point Arena Fishermen", representing a unified and deeply knowledgeable voice of consumptive and commercial ocean users have diligently prepared a local alternative that reduces impacts on socioeconomics, fishing tradition, heritage and safety while meeting the goals of the MLPA; and

WHEREAS, the Point Arena City Council finds that the grounds west of 123.45.00 of great importance to recreational and commercial fishing and the continued survival of the municipal pier; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Point Arena City Council endorses the Point Arena Fishermen's proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Point Arena finds that of the five current proposals (Jade D, Jade C, Emerald C, Turquoise C and External A), the Arena Rock and Saunders Reef portion of the Emerald C proposal is most acceptable for protecting the interest that we find vital; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the City Council requests that the following language be added to the description of allowable uses in the MPA: For safety, pollution reduction, and economic reasons boats will be allowed to transit the MPA with protected organism that were legally caught elsewhere.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Point Arena, State of California, this 29th day of January, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmembers Cross, Dahlhoff, Riehl, Sinnott, Smith

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Leslie Dahlhoff, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Claudia Hillary, City Clerk